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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I urge you to immediately reverse the Department of State's baffling decision to revoke Bill Browder's visa and explain why the Department took this misguided action.

It was reported over the weekend that Russia once again placed Mr. Browder—a prominent Kremlin critic and leader of the Justice for Sergei Magnitsky Campaign—on an Interpol watch list seeking his arrest. This request is nonsense, of course, and is merely President Putin's latest effort to silence one of his fiercest critics. By giving this effort credence and revoking Mr. Browder's visa, the Trump Administration is playing into Putin's hands.

This decision harms American credibility on the world stage, and it is unacceptable. I expect that you will remedy this error at once and explain to me and other lawmakers why this happened in the first place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eliot L. Engel".

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